



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Merkes and Common Council

From: PRD Tungate *BT*

Date: May 16, 2013

RE: Jefferson Park Refuse Containers

When Jefferson Park is completely set up for warm weather use (typically around May 1) you can expect to see the following refuse or recycling containers at the park. We place recycling carts at the ball diamonds because the vast majority of refuse is recyclable.

- East Diamond – 2 recycling carts
- West Diamond – 2 recycling carts
- Jefferson Pavilion – 7-8 containers
- Pool – 2-3 containers inside the fence
- Jefferson School area/West Diamond – 1-2 dumpsters
- Jefferson Boat Landing – 1 dumpster

Approximately fifteen years ago, the decision was made to place fewer containers in the park. This practice was confirmed again by the Park Board on May 13, 2013. This step was initially taken to reduce the excessive amount of staff time needed to manually empty many refuse containers. Our experience with fewer containers has been mostly positive. The recent littering incident in the park is seen as more of an anomaly. Prior to May 1, we normally do not have a staff person assigned to the park, nor is any weekend duty assigned. When staff is in the park, they would pick up any occasional litter that is found. We have discussed the recent incident that occurred in late April and plan to make some staff adjustments so that our main parks areas checked immediately after warm weekends that usually occur in April or October.